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Attention Hunters

**All Bradley Livestock land is closed to
hunting this year.**

Trespassers will be prosecuted.

After years of allowing and encouraging hunting it is with great trepidation that I have come to this conclusion. This is not a stand against hunting or hunters, the majority of hunters on our land have been respectful, remained on designated roads as requested and the few others that cut gates and fences and choose to trespass have not swayed out resolve in working with responsible sportsmen.

However, we have been informed by officials from various sportsmen's groups that in the next few legislative sessions they will be pushing legislation to strip property owners of their rights and force hunting access without permission on private property. Furthermore, our Governor and his appointed Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission have decided not to work with property owners to find a game management solution. This approach is not only a direct violation of our personal property rights but gives no consideration to the financial burden the landowners have to feed game, repair damaged fences and gates, control weeds and erosion, etc. In most cases, even property owners that charge for hunts would be better off economically feeding domestic livestock instead of wild game.

If it weren't for the private lands, there would be nowhere near the amount of game we have today. This is a big plus for the hunter but it is with high cost to the livestock producer.

As third and fourth generation Montanans, my wife and I find this decision very difficult, but until our Governor and his Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission see the benefit of working with private property owners to find a fair and equitable solution to game management that respects our rights as the property owners, our ranches will remain closed to hunting.

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